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SUBJECT: AMCIT REPATRIATION FROM CUBA

REF STATE 195829, HOLLIDAY- DANIELS TELCON, AUGUST 7.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL, EDILBERTO OLIVERO WAS MET AND ACCOMODATED NIGHT OF AUG. 6, AND DEPARTED MEXICO AT 0930, AUG. 7, ABOARD AEROMEXICO FLT 410. OWING TO HIS AGE, HE WAS NOT FORMALLY DEBRIEFED, BUT WAS ASKED OCCASIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE.

2. EDILBERTO SAID THAT HE WAS ABOARD FISHING BOAT "CANARY", ALONG WITH HIS FATHER, MARDALENO OLIVERO, HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, MARDEALENO OLIVERO, JR., AND MAN HE KNEW ONLY AS "OSCAR". HIS OLDER BORTHER, JUANITO OLIVERO, LORENZO SERANO AND "TIVURON" WERE ABOARD "MIGUELITO". "MONGOLO" AND "EDDY" MANNED "MAKO". OLIVEROS, EXCEPT FOR EDILBERTO, AND ONE OTHER MAN WERE GOING TO BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE BECASUE OF FISHING ADVANTAGES THERE. EDILBERTO'S FAMILY MEMBERS HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NICARAGUAN CONSUL AT MIAMI TO MAKE ARRANGMENTS, AND HAD CHANGED REGISTRATION OF THREE VESSELS TO THAT OF NICARAGUA. EDILBERTO, WHOSE FATHER AND MOTHER ARE DIVORCED, AND REST OF MEN EXPECTED TO RETURN TO U.S. HE INDICATED THAT VESSELS CARRIED NO ARMS EXCEPT FOR .22 RIFLES AND AMMU-NITION, FOR HUNTING PURPOSES.

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3. ONE DAY ABOUT THREE WEEKS BEFORE - EDILBERTO DID NOT REMEMBER

DAY OR DATE -- THREE VESSELS WERE PASSING CUBA AT ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE MILES, ASSUMING CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS LIMIT TO BE THREE MILES, WHEN THEY WERE HAILED AND BOARDED BY CUBAN COAST GUARD VESSEL. THEY WERE ESCORTED TO PINAR DEL RIO, WHERE ALL WERE PUT IN JAIL. THERE WAS NO RESISTANCE OR VIOLENCE, AND EDILBERTO SAID THAT ALL WERE WELL TREATED. HE WAS KEPT SEPARATE FROM OTHERS, BUT COULD SEE THEM WHENEVER HE ASKED. OTHERS ARE STILL AT PINAR DEL RIO, AWAITING TRIAL. EDILBERTO DID NOT SEEM UNDULY CONCERNED, AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD GET OUT SOON.

4. COMMENT: EDILBERTO GAVE NO INDICAION THAT VOYAGE HAD ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THAT STATED, AND IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT MEN WOULD HAVE TAKEN FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD ALONG ON TRIP WHERE HE MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO DANGER.
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